



ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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 (25 & 26 Nov)

A PARTICIPATIVE CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

MASS TIMINGS		1 st Sunday Advent (2 & 3 Dec)
<p>WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Mon to Sat: 6.30am Lauds: 6.15am Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri: 6.30pm Vespers: 6.15pm Tue & 1st Fri: 8pm Rosary: After evening mass except Tue & 1st Fri.</p>	<p>WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Sat Sunset: 5.30pm Sun (Mandarin): 7.30am Sun: 9.15am, 11.15am & 5.30pm</p> <p>Rosary: 5.00pm before Sat sunset mass & before Sun evening mass.</p>	<p>Preacher: Rev Fr Andrew Wong</p> <p>Sat 5.30pm: Rev Fr Andrew Wong Sun 7.30am: Rev Fr Cyril Lee Sun 9.15am: Rev Fr John Lau Sun 11.15am: Rev Fr Andrew Wong Sun 5.30pm: Rev Fr Andrew Wong</p>
<p>Public Holiday: 7am only Tamil Mass: 7.30pm 1st & 2nd Sat Malayalam Mass: 7.30pm 3rd & 5th Sat Devotion to St Anthony: Tuesdays 7.15pm; Mass @ 8pm Divine Mercy: Fridays @ 8pm St Lucy/Angela Divine Mercy: 1st Fri @ 7.30pm Sacred Heart: 1st Friday mass 8pm Our Lady at The Grotto: 1st Sat Rosary after morning mass</p>	<p>Prayer for Priests & Vocations: 3rd Thur at 7.45pm Adoration room Blessing of expecting parents: 1st Sun— at the end of mass Adoration Room @ Mt Tabor: Daily from 7.00am to 10.30pm Medical Clinic @ the basement: Mondays from 7.30pm to 9pm Closed on public holidays. The Bookshop Opening Hours: Before all weekend masses.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">There will be a 2nd collection this week for the Society of St Vincent De Paul (SSVP) for the poor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Collection in Nov: \$7430.25 Expenditure in Nov: \$6830.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your generosity!</p>

4th Night of Simbang Gabi 2017
 Theme: Mary is full of the unction of Mercy and of the oil of piety.
Mon 18 Dec (8 pm to 10 pm) in Church Hall
 Celebrant: Fr Michael Sitaram

BATAM CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY @ Bukit Senyum Batam
Tue 26 Dec to Wed 27 Dec (2D1N trip) at SGD\$100 per pax.

The cost includes 2-way ferry ticket, 1 night Twin-Sharing accommodation (without breakfast), full transportation in Batam and lunch only at the Christmas Party with 250 Batam children (3 to 12 years old).

If you wish to make a donation in cash or in kind, for example clothing or toys, they will be collected during the registration from **Sat 11 Nov till Sun 10 Dec** after weekend masses at the booth.

Briefing for the trip and packing of gifts will be on **Sun 17 Dec at 12.30 pm at St Lucy room.**

For enquiries, please contact John Chong **91094821** / Francis Lee **96681847** or email leefx23@gmail.com

Advent Penitential Service

Thu 14 Dec: Our Lady Star of the Sea 8.00 pm
 Fri 15 Dec: Church of the Risen Christ 10.30 am & 8.00 pm
 Mon 18 Dec: Church of the Holy Spirit 8.00 pm
 Tue 19 Dec: Church of Christ the King 10.30 am & 8.00 pm
Wed 20 Dec: Church of St Anthony 8.00 pm
 Thu 21 Dec: St Joseph's Church 8.00 pm

Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass

For couples who have celebrated/are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th etc (in multiple of 5 years) wedding anniversary this year 2017, we would like to invite you to come celebrate as a community

on **Saturday 30th December 2017** during the **5.30 pm** Sunset Mass.

You can register by contacting **Peter 93380665** or email klwongpeter@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION Sun 17 Dec from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm**Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42 S(649368)**

An invitation to spend a day of prayer to prepare our hearts for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord.
Organised by the **Cenacle Sisters**. For registration, please email cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com
or visit the website www.cenaclemission.com

Franciscan Pilgrimage @ Assisi by San Damiano Spirituality Centre, SMOTA (Fri 11 – Tue 22 May 2018)

Come along and join us in this trip to Assisi as St. Anthony of Padua is included as our last stop. A spiritual journey of faith, contemplation, reflection and Camino in the plains of Assisi extending to Rieti, Greccio, Gubbio, LA Verna culminating in Padua. Encounter the Lord through pondering the lives of St Francis and St Clare led by Fr Clifford Augustine, OFM and Fr Esmond Chua, OFM

ALL INCLUSIVE TRIP COST* S\$ 4600 – Adult Single and S\$4100 – Adult TwinFor more information, please contact **Ryan Colond** at ryan@sandamiano.sg or WhatsApp only on 96726167**St Anthony's Got Talent!**

New Year's Eve Countdown Party 2017 will be **on Sun 31 Dec, 2017 starting at 7.30pm.**

This is part of the Christmas Octave celebrations. This year we will be holding a talent contest for the first time called St Anthony's Got Talent.

We are inviting singers, musicians and other talents to join in this talent contest with prizes to be won.

Time is running short so register your act and start practising!

Register by **Fri 15 Dec** using this form:
<http://bit.ly/StAnthonysGotTalent>

Celebrate Christmas for 8 Days with the Christmas Octave

Christmas is not just **ONE** day!

The Christmas Octave is an eight-day celebration that **begins** on Christmas Day **Monday 25 Dec** and **ends** on and includes the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Monday 1 Jan.** Come and join in our Christmas Octave celebrations starting at **7.30pm** in the auditorium from **26 Dec 2017 through 1 Jan 2018.**

More details will be coming soon!

Share A Pot with St Anthony

Inviting all Seniors who want to keep fit through exercise before drinking some nutritious soup. Join us on every Tues @ Auditorium starting **5th Dec 9am to 11am**
Register @ Parish Office at **6368 3804**

The Saint Anthony's Bread Team

would like to thank all parishioners and non-parishioners for their contributions, time and effort in bringing joy to **over 250** needy families this Easter. We hope that more parishioners can come and get involved in our future projects as well.

Staple food items needed:

- 1)Rice (2.5Kg)
- 2)Cooking Oil (1L)
- 3)Sugar (1Kg)
- 4)Milo Refill Pack (900g)
- 5)UHT Milk (1L)
- 6)Cream Crackers (420g) / Digestive (400g)
- 7)Canned Tuna (185g) / Sardines (425g)
- 8)Instant Noodles, Macaroni (500g)
& Spaghetti (500g)

Please take note:

Kindly follow the food item sizes requested so that all the items can fit into the hamper bag.

Bag size is also designed to prevent injury to our volunteers as they need to move several hampers in one trip.

Collection of **NON-PERISHABLE** and **HALAL** staple food items will end on **Mon 11 Dec**

Packing on **Sun 17 Dec** & Distribution on **Sun 24 Dec**
Both events will be @ 2pm in St Basil Room.

Donation of a full set of hamper will be greatly appreciated so that all families will be able to get the same number of items.
Everyone is invited to come and help.

Used Textbooks Recycling Collection

will start from **Sat 25 Nov to Sun 10 Dec**

Distribution will be on **Sun 17 Dec 9am-1pm**
Kindly place your donated textbooks into the boxes provided at the Foyer.

SOLES 4 SOULS SHOE DONATION DRIVE

We accept **ALL** kinds of footwear (especially for children) either **NEW** or slightly worn. Please pack them nicely in a shoe box or in a plastic bag and put them in the collection box at the Foyer. The last day of collection is **Mon 11 Dec at 12 noon.**

For more information, please log in to
www.soles4souls.org
or www.millionlighting.com/csr.html

Preparation for Christmas

Prepare for Christmas using the Advent booklet from the Office of New Evangelisation. Both the English or Mandarin versions can be downloaded from this link: <http://bit.ly/ONEAdventProgram>

将临期第一主日

2017年12月3日

<p>堂区 12 月 2 日开始更改弥撒时间 由 2017 年 12 月 2 日开始本堂弥撒时间已作以下更改： 星期六黄昏弥撒: 5:30pm 主日弥撒: 7:30 am (华语),9:15am,11:15pm&5:30pm</p>	<p>圣安多尼堂神恩复兴团体公开祈祷聚会 日期：03/12/2017 (星期日) 时间：1:30pm – 4:00pm 主题：领受圣神的恩惠 地点：St Francis Room (乘电梯到 4 楼转右) 形式：敬拜赞美，领受神恩，心灵医治，覆手祈祷和共融茶点。 询问：范洲南(9684 8989)</p>
<p>圣诞节八日庆祝会 日期：12 月 25 日 – 1 月 1 日 时间：7：30pm 地点：底层礼堂 欢迎大家共聚一堂欢庆圣诞</p>	<p>2017 年将临期北区忏悔礼 14/12/17(星期四), 8pm - 海星圣母堂 15/12/17(星期五), 10:30am,8pm - 耶稣复活堂 18/12/17(星期一), 8pm - 圣神堂 19/12/17(星期二), 10:30am,8pm - 耶稣君王堂 20/12/17(星期三), 8pm - 圣安多尼堂圣神堂 21/12/17(星期四), 8pm - 圣若瑟堂</p>
<p>“大家喝” 计划 来吧！来和我们一起喝一碗汤 活动：运动，喝汤， 日期：由 5/12/17 开始，每个星期二 时间：上午 9am - 11am 地点：圣安多尼底层礼堂</p>	<p>结婚周年弥撒邀请所有在今年庆祝结婚 5 周年，10 周年，15 周年，20 周年纪念(以此类推，可被 5 除尽的数字) 的夫妇们一起参加于 30/12/17(星期六) 5:30pm 的弥撒，与教友们一起庆祝结婚周年。报名请联络: Peter 93380665.</p>
<p>2 天 1 夜巴淡岛儿童圣诞派对 为巴淡岛的乡村儿童举办圣诞派对 日期：26/12/17 - 27/12/17 每人收费 \$100 询问：John Chong (9109 4821)</p>	<p>帮助贫困家庭的慈善活动 (圣安多尼面包小组) 请不要捐新鲜食物，并且确保食物是 清真食品 (Halal)。此活动于 12 月 11 日截止。 包装礼篮将于 12 月 17 日，分发礼篮于 12 月 24 日，2pm 在 St Basil 进行。欢迎大家前来帮忙。</p>
<p>将临期灵修讲座 日期：17/12/2017 时间：9:30am – 12:00pm 地点：St Thomas Room 主讲：陈瑄娘修女 主题：做决意的门徒</p>	

திருவருகைக் காலம் முதல் ஞாயிறு

<p>தமிழில் திருப்பலி மற்றும் ஜெபமாலை</p> <p>நாள்: ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் மற்றும் இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை நேரம்: மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு</p> <p>ஜெபமாலையும் அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் நடைபெறும். அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p> <p>ஒப்புரவு திருவருட்சாதனம்</p>	<p>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் கேரோல்ஸ் (Carlos) தேதி: 15.12.2017 & 16.12.2017 உங்கள் இல்லங்களுக்கு வரவேண்டுமெனில் கீழ்காணும் எண்ணிற்கு தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள். சுதாகர் 9239 1043</p>	<p>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் மற்றும் புத்தாண்டு தமிழ் திருப்பலி</p> <p>தேதி: 25.12.2017 நேரம்: மதியம் 12:30 மணிக்கும்</p> <p>தேதி: 01.01.2018 நேரம்: மதியம் 12:30 மணிக்கும்</p> <p>தமிழில் திருப்பலி நடைபெறும்! அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>
<p>மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு ஜெபமாலை ஜெபிக்கப்படும் அதே நேரத்தில் குருவானவர் ஒப்புரவு அருட்சாதனம் வழங்கிக்கொண்டு இருப்பார் இதனை பயன்படுத்தி மாதம் ஒருமுறை இறைவனிடம் நாம் கொண்டுள்ள உறவை புதுப்பித்துக்கொள்வோம்.</p>	<p>Spoken English Course நமது ஆலயத்தில் இலவசமாக கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்படும். நேரம்: மதியம் 12:00 – 1.00 வரை மூன்றாவது & நான்காவது ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை! தொடர்பு: ஜஸ்டின் 9010 4974 justmefran29@gmail.com</p>	<p>புனித அந்தோணியார் நவநாள் (தமிழில்)</p> <p>தேதி: 5.12.2017 (ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை) நேரம்: மாலை 7:15 மணிக்கு இடம்: புனித பால் அறை அனைவரும் வாரீர்!!!</p>
	<p>பழைய பாடநூல் மறுசுழட்சி திட்டம் புத்தக சேகரிப்பு: நவம்பர் 25 முதல் டிசம்பர் 10 வரை புத்தக பரிமாற்றம்: டிசம்பர் 17, 9 மணி முதல் மதியம் 1 மணி வரை. (புத்தகங்களை ஆலய நுழைவாயிலில் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பெட்டிகளில் வைக்கவும்).</p>	

Watch expectantly today - your Master is coming!

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Gospel : Mark 13:33-37

Gospel Reading: *Mark 13:33-37*

Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Watch therefore -- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning -- lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch."

Meditation:

What do you do when someone you love very dearly and miss very much has been gone a very long time but promises to return soon? Do you ignore their absence, or do you anticipate their return and send them messages to let them know how much you long to be with them again? Jesus' parable about the long-expected return of the Master to his household brings this point home.

Wealthy landowners often left their estates in the hands of their trustworthy servants and stewards. This gave them freedom to travel, trade, and expand their business ventures. They expected loyalty and hard work from their servants and rewarded them accordingly. Dutiful servants would eagerly anticipate their master's return by keeping the house and estate in good order. Jesus doesn't tell us in his parable whether the servants were ready to receive the unexpected return of their master. Were these servants excited or anxious about their master's return? The watchful servants, no doubt, looked forward to the future because they knew their master would be pleased and would reward them for their vigilance and hard work. Disaster and reprisal, however, awaited those who were unprepared because of carelessness or laziness.

When we expect some very important event to happen, we often wait for it with excited anticipation. The Lord Jesus expects us to watch in great anticipation for the most important event of all - his return in glory at the end of this present age! The Old Testament prophets foretold the coming of the Lord when *he shall judge between the nations and decide for many peoples* (Isaiah 2:5). The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the end times. The end times begin with the first coming of Christ (when *the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us* - John 1:14) and it culminates in Christ's second coming on the Day of Judgment and vindication for his people.

While the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is for certain, the time of his appearance is not yet disclosed. The Lord's day of visitation and judgment will come swiftly and unexpectedly. Jesus warns his listeners to not be caught off guard when that day arrives. It will surely come in God's good time! The Lord invites us to pray for the coming of his kingdom into our present lives and future as well. Jesus taught his disciples to pray - "may your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Do you earnestly pray for the coming of God's kingdom - both now and at the end of the world? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". We are not only to watch *for* Christ, but to watch *with* Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word.

The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will - continually seeking him. We watch for his word and his power - that he may act now to save and to deliver. And we watch for his visitation – he will surely come again! Servants of the Lord rouse yourselves! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? How do you prepare yourself for his return?
2. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope? Give an example (How).

"Lord Jesus, awaken my heart and mind to receive your word and to prepare for your coming again. Free me from complacency, from the grip of sin and worldliness, and from attachments to things which pass away. May I always be eager to receive your word and be ready to meet you when you came again."